



The Fuel Line

GOING PLACES



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From the Desk of "El Presidente"

Change! This seems to be the operative word for the New Year. Unless you are Rip Van Winkle you have to be experiencing some kind of upheaval in your life because of the world financial crisis that we all are in. This crisis will generate change; changes in our governments, financial markets, business and our personal lives. No one will be immune from it; we all will be touched in some way.

Change can be good and sometimes bad. Change for the sake of change can be ruinous unless there is a clear and definite plan in place that looks toward what all the potential problems that could happen in the path of the change. That is why it is critical that those in the positions of directing the change are cognoscenti of the ramification of their actions. In the current condition most changes are not by choice but are forced upon us.

The kit car industry is already being affected by this change. We just lost *Kit Car* magazine and there are rumors of several manufacturers going under or about too.

I just received my March issue of *Kit Car*, the last issue. I read Eric Geisert's editorial with a sad heart; sad to see the demise of one of the voices in the industry, may it rest in peace.

The first of the year brings up time to renew your membership. Included in this newsletter is a membership form. The club is like everything else in life, it does not run on goodwill, it needs

money to keep it going. The dues are the same as the last several years; no increase here.

With the Knott's show fast approaching we are looking for input from our members on our GMP award for this years show. If you have any suggestions, please let me or any of the board members know. Your input is important to us.

We just had our annual chili cook off meeting. There was good turnout and we had a very productive board meeting. Most importantly we had some mighty fine chili's to eat and enjoy, from mild to hot! All were good eating.

And the judge's decisions were: 1st Margaret Chaffee, 2nd Mike & Vickie Dresbach, 3rd Ron & Lou Anne Biggerstaff.

Until next month,

Hasta!
"El Presidente" Dean Hornbacher

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The deadline for the February newsletter is January 24th.

Please have submissions to the Editor by that date.

Rumblings from the Editor's Desk

by David Hartman

The Chili Cook Off was great! There were at least three member's cars present including, off course, Dave Martin's very nice Daytona Coupe. Dave even claims to have been driving it around and will have the confidence to even drive it to Knott's. Other cars present were Ron Biggerstaff's '40 Ford (or is that a '50?), and my GT-40. The turnout was pretty good. Even Mike Koken and his wife drove down from the desert.

Our next meeting will have more Knott's planning, and I hear that Dean has the Knott's flyers, so some should be available then. As always, everyone is encouraged to show up at the business meeting and offer suggestions.

Activities

The February 21st meeting is going to be held at the Sizzler's in San Dimas. The address is 101 Village Court., San Dimas, 91773. Use Map Quest for directions if you haven't been there before. Use Arrow Highway exit from the 57 freeway, either north or southbound.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MONTHLY MEETING ACTIVITIES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.
GIVE ANY ONE OF YOUR BOARD MEMBERS A CALL WITH YOUR SUGGESTION.

From the Bean Counter

by Dave Martin

A new year and I hope it's treating everyone well so far. The news is miserable with all the stories of the economy flat lining and even though I dread the sound of "recession," I think we're more on the side of "depression." The effect on our hobby and its industry is also bad news...we've lost one of the two magazines covering the Kit Car world and the number of companies locking their doors is becoming alarming. Add onto that 'ol Carrol Shelby is litigating again – this time against Daytona Coupe manufacturers – and you really would think the Grinch stole Christmas.

Not to worry though as Knott's IS happening and coming up fast. This is our 30th year and we're looking forward to it. After a rocky start with Knott's marketing we now have flyers on the way and packages going out to the last three year's worth of participants. Nothing will cheer you up more than being around friends and talking about cars. We're keeping the entry prices the same as last year and we are planning for a fun time so start planning to be there. This is one show you don't want to miss!

See ya at the next meeting – or at Knott's!

Dave

MEMBERSHIP by Ron Biggerstaff

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Calendar year 2009 Membership Dues are due. The dues are the same as last year, \$24. This rate just covers the cost of paper, ink and mailing of the newsletter. A Membership Form is included in this newsletter. Please fill it out, note any new stuff or updates, include a check, and mail it back to me. Even better, give the Membership Form to a "car enthusiast" friend or relative, let me know and I will email a replacement form to you. My email address is on the front of the newsletter.

From the Rocking Chair by Ron Biggerstaff

As we get ready for the 30th edition of "Fun Under the Sun" Car Show at Knott's, lets take a brief look back into history. The following article was printed in *Auto Craft Today*, Volume III, No. 3, May/June 1983.

1983 AHA/Knott's Berry Farm Show

The Fourth Annual Knott's Berry Farm/AHA Kit Car Show took place on May 14-15. The formula used with success – an open, simple affair with no frills, was again the theme. Several manufacturers used the event to premiere new products, which has become a tradition at Knott's. The Association of Handcrafted Automobiles placed the car count at just over 100. The two-day event provided kit car owners and builders an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas and opinions.

As in years past, the high point of the event was the "Pass In Review" on Sunday. This year, Len Frank (host of a car talk show on radio station KPFFK) gave the car-by-car commentary. He had good things to say about every body's car – even those that didn't deserve it. Longtime Knott's/AHA fans remember some pretty sharp (although honest) criticism from years past. Sterling owners with their roof up were spared the "beach umbrella on wheels" line. This year the favorite comment was for English inspired replica owners. Len suggested that they open up the hood louvers and arrange for trails of oil behind them to add authenticity.

For 1983 the location, although still at Knott's Berry Farm, had changed. It is now near the full sized Independence Hall replica (a coincidence?). We preferred the lakeside location used for the past three events, however, the lake has since been plowed under.

With four good years under its belt, the Knott's Berry Farm show is a legend in an industry barely old enough to produce one. We had a great time and are looking forward to next year.
(This short-lived publication was approximately eight pages for each edition and came out bimonthly.)

 "For Sale" items are free to club members for as long as you need or until the item sells. Non-members can advertise in the newsletter for the cost of \$4.00 per issue, with a three month minimum.

Items For Sale

For Sale

1926 Model "T" Roadster. All original parts and complete. Runs. \$4,000.00.

One Devin Roadster body, never installed. \$2,000.00.

Contact Ed Russell at (714) 538-6812.

For Sale

Magnum, replica of a Dino GT246. This bright yellow baby was built in 1989 and currently has 28,700 miles on it. This car is an award winner; 31 awards in the last four years. It was a featured car in *Kit Car Illustrated* magazine in the October 2001 issue. It was also featured on *Speed Vision* in January 2002 in a segment of "Car Crazy".

The engine is a 1984 Mazda Rotary. The transaxle is a 1971 Porsche 911, 5 speed. Compomotive wheels. The interior is all custom, VDO

black faced analog gages in a wood trimmed dash, tilt wheel, Clarion model S600 AM/FM stereo, and black leather Carrera seats. This is a great highway car. \$18,000.00.

Contact Mike at (909) 657-0422 or e-mail him at mike@rkitkar.com

2009 Calendar of Events

February

A.H.A. Business Meeting
 Knott's Planning
 Sizzler's in San Dimas

March

A.H.A. Business Meeting
 Knott's Planning
 Sizzler's in San Dimas

April

Goodie Bag Stuffing
 April 18th at Dean Hornbachers

30th Annual Knott's Show
 April 25th and 26th

May

TBD

June

TBD

July

TBD

August

August 1st
 Braille Rallye

September

NCKCC San Leandro Kit Car Show

October

Kit Cars On The Colorado

November

TBD

December

Annual Christmas Party